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**San Angelo AFSS Letter to Airmen No. 00-01**

**Subject: Decommissioning of Direction Finding (DF) Equipment**

**Cancellation: 12/31/00**

Direction finding (DF) is one method for providing orientation service for lost or disoriented pilots. DF, pilotage, and radar tracking are the three primary orientation methods for aircraft equipped with a transceiver only. Other methods such as VOR/ADF orientation are available for aircraft equipped with VOR receivers and/or airborne direction finding (ADF) equipment.

During the last 3 years, the FAA has studied the need for and utilization of DF sites throughout the country. As a result of that study, 111 sites were selected for continued operation. The remaining sites are scheduled for decommissioning during October and November 2000. The three sites in our flight plan area will be shutdown by the first week of November 2000. These include Junction, Lampasas, and Uvalde.

San Angelo AFSS will still provide orientation service by means of the remaining methods: pilotage, collaboration with radar facilities, VOR/ADF, and GPS. The method will be determined by: 1) the aircraft's location, altitude, and equipment; 2) the pilot's familiarity with the equipment; and 3) weather and other factors.

Please feel free to call me at 915-223-6000 and discuss any problems -- or suggest any improvements we can make in providing services to you.



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**Aviation publications are available on request. Contact the Administrative Office at 915-223-6000.**

- **Brochure - New Aviation Weather Formats: METAR/TAF**
- **Brochure - San Angelo AFSS Reference Guide**
- **Brochure - San Angelo AFSS Guide to Obtaining Pilot Weather Briefings**
- **Listing of Aviation Videotapes available for check-out**